

(b) Contd.

a foldable first housing providing a video display, and
a second housing providing at least one data input device.

66. The control system of claim 65, wherein the main unit housing further comprises a KVM switch.
67. The control system of claim 66, said KVM switch is a 1U KVM switch.
68. The control system of claim 66, wherein said video display and said input device are in communication with a plurality of computers via said KVM switch.
69. The control system of claim 65, wherein said at least one data input device comprises a keyboard and a pointing device.
70. The control system of claim 65, wherein said foldable first housing is rotatably connected to said second housing, wherein in a closed position said first housing rotates to a closed position substantially covering said second housing, and wherein in an open position said first housing rotates to an open and operable position.
71. The control system of claim 70, wherein in said closed position said administration system slides inward to a position substantially abutting said main unit housing and wherein in said open position said administration system slides outward to a position extended away from said main unit housing.

REMARKS

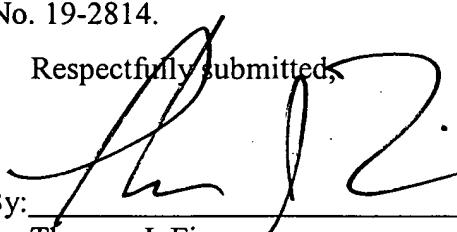
Applicant hereby responds to the non-final Office Action mailed on October 1, 2002. In response to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group IV (claims 48-64) *with traverse* in that the pending claims 22-64 are not directed to separately patentable inventions. Rather, all claims are directed to various aspects of a control and monitoring system. Because the claimed rack station device (i.e., claims 43-47, 49-54) and the system and methods for remotely controlling multiple computers (i.e., claims 22-42, 48, 55-64) are related, Applicant respectfully asserts that all of the pending claims 22-64 are properly prosecuted in a single application. Applicant expressly reserves the right to submit additional claims, as desired, throughout prosecution of this application.

Applicant has added new claims 65-71, which correspond to the subject matter in Group IV. Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 48-71, corresponding to elected Group

IV, are now allowable. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in an effort to expedite prosecution and allowance of the present application.

Although no fee is believed to be required by this addition of new claims, the Office is authorized to deduct any fees required by this response (including any fees for additional claims or extensions of time) from Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

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